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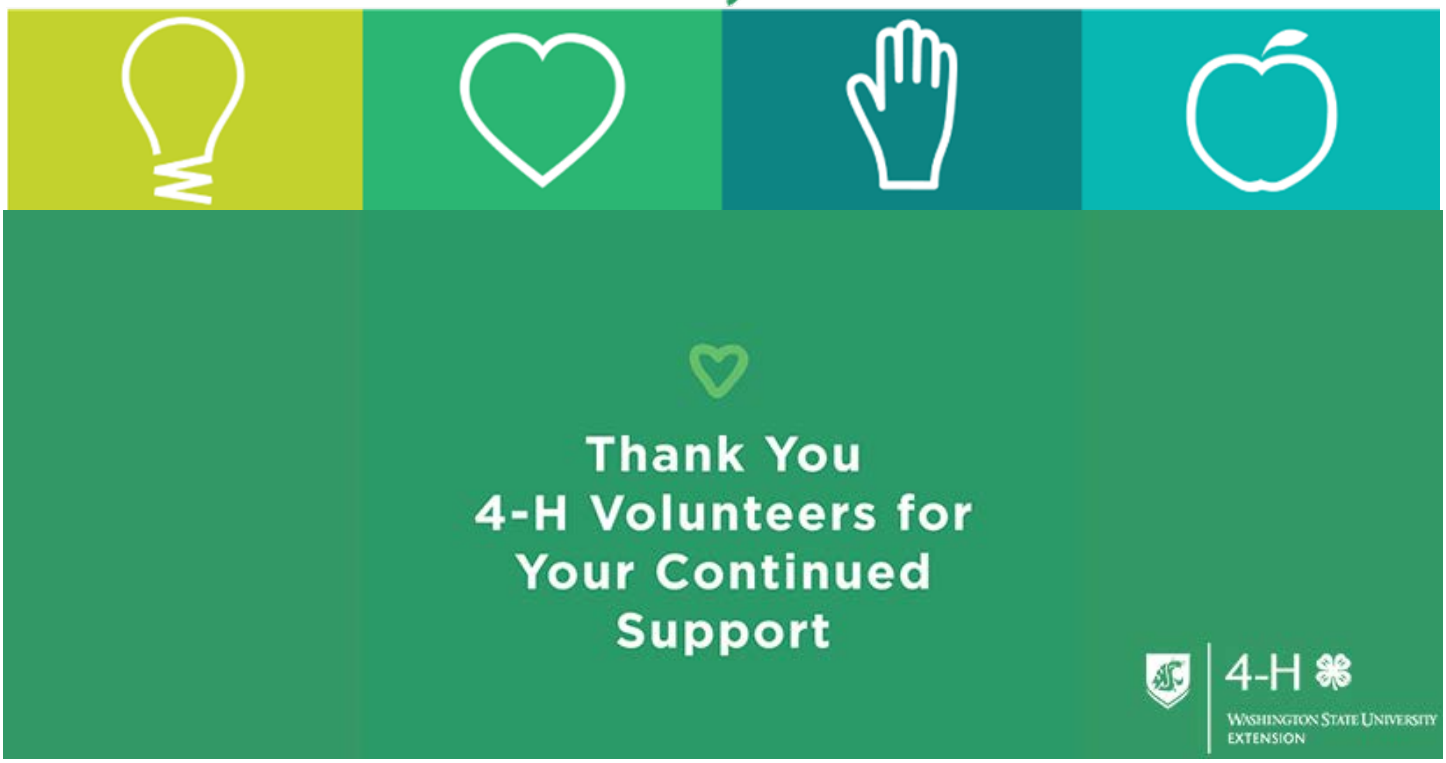

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4-H UPDATE – GOVERNOR INSLEE'S VACCINATION PROCLAMATION

Announcement Revised September 7, 2021

Governor Jay Inslee issued a health and safety proclamation on August 20, 2021, in response to a continued state of emergency that exists in all counties due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The health and safety proclamation, as ordered by the Governor, includes employees, contractors and volunteers engaged in activities with state agencies and in educational settings. **Therefore, WSU (including WSU Extension and the 4-H program) is required to comply with Governor Inslee's recent vaccination proclamation directives.**

With regard to volunteers, below are a series of references, deadlines and explanations that provide further details.

- **The Proclamation (21-14.1) can be found HERE.**
- **Deadline:** All current WSU Volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated or exempted by October 18th. Volunteers who are not fully vaccinated or who do not have an approved exemption on file by October 18 will be put on inactive status. They will not be able to engage in any volunteer activities with WSU Extension until proof of full vaccination can be observed or until an exemption request has been reviewed.
- **Proof of vaccination:** WSU Extension will announce a county-level process for observing & recording documentation of vaccination status for volunteers.

- **Exemption process:** WSU Extension will seek to implement a state-level exemption process (for religious or medical reasons) for volunteers and will announce details on that process shortly.

More information on WSU's Vaccination Policy is available on the web at **https://extension.wsu.edu/vaccination-policy/**.

Questions regarding WSU's Vaccination Policy can be directed via e-mail to **extension.vaccinepolicy@wsu.edu**

COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

All other protocols for health and safety remain in effect and should be followed. The Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program policy is referencing requirements set forth by the Washington State Department of Health's K-12 COVID-19 Requirements for Summer 2021 and the 2021-2022 School Year document. WHILE INDOORS, EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. This policy is required to protect the safety of all and to model the behavior for youth, who are still required to wear masks.

If an activity is conducted outdoors, it is now required that masks be worn in any outdoor setting involving 500 or more people. People should continue to practice physical distancing of at least six feet whenever possible.

Your county may have more protective protocols in place. County protocols supersede the information presented here. Please contact your local County Extension 4-H Office with any questions.

The Washington State Department of Health released a recap of recent COVID-19 news and updates on September 7, 2021. It is available by clicking **HERE**.

Washington State 4-H Fair Update On Covid-19 Protocols From Fair Manager Tom Gwin

Covid-19 protocols for participants in the Washington State 4-H Fair have been updated as of Saturday, September 4. The updated protocol document is available by clicking HERE. Please review the protocols carefully; some of the protocols are project and class-specific. Please share with your county delegation.

As previously noted, the fair is in a fluid situation. Please make your exhibitors aware that change could come at any time. The State 4-H Fair Board of Trustees and staff will endeavor to provide the best possible show for our 4-H members within the guidelines we are given.

Livestock Judging Contest Update – Live In Puyallup On September 18th!

We are pleased that we will be able to hold the Washington 4-H Livestock Judging Contest September 18, 2021. ***There are a few changes for this contest year that county Extension 4-H Professionals and Team Coaches need be aware of so PLEASE READ the following.*** These changes will require the Extension offices to communicate this information to 4-H members in the livestock projects.

- ***All contestants and participants will need to be masked indoors and outdoors.*** This ruling was put forth from the Washington State Fair and we will be following these guidelines. It will be important that you communicate this with your Livestock Judging Teams that will be representing your counties. If teams do not comply they will risk disqualification from the contest and loss of any awards.
- ***Upon check-in at the contest site coaches will be asked to verify 4-H age and date of birth of each contestant. With 3 age divisions we want to be confident that we have the participants in the correct age category. County coaches should be prepared with their contact***

information, team member names, and age verification (Birthdate and 4-H Age)

- **The Senior contest rules and expectations will be the same as normal (with the exception that masks will be worn at all times)**
    - 6 placing classes and 3 sets of reasons (Hopefully each set will be different species but this will depend on what access we have on livestock). This results in 450 points per individual.
    - Masks will be required during reasons so in this case participants will need to plan to project through their mask. Participants will need be sure to enunciate so that the officials can appropriately evaluate you! ***PRACTICE***!
    - Based on state guidelines, we will offer the top individuals the right to represent the state of Washington at a Nationally sanctioned contest. The State 4-H office will coordinate with those individuals, their families and coaches.
- **The Intermediate and Junior divisions in the Washington State 4-H Contest will be placings and one questions class.** ***We are replacing the Intermediate reasons class and the optional Junior reasons class with a questions class in 2021.*** We will provide the students with the question answer sheet as they judge the class. This to reduce the number of youth that will be congregating waiting for their reasons time. They will be able to answer the questions while looking at the class.
    - The best class for reasons in the contest will be most likely the best class chosen by officials for questions
    - We will select 10 questions for the class chosen that will be based on either/or/and:
        - Structure and design (feet and legs, movement, etc.)
        - Breed type (identifiers, marks, standards, etc.)
        - Balance (muscle, pattern, function, etc.)
        - Quality and yield (leanness, quality, more product, etc.)
    - Each question (10) will be worth 5 points resulting in 50 points equating to the reasons score and an individual point total of 350.
- Following the completion of contest (after the last set of Senior Reasons) the officials will provide contestants and coaches with a critique about the contest classes prior to your departure home.

For questions concerning additional information collected at morning of check-in:

Paul Kuber pskuber@wsu.edu

For questions concerning the contest specifics (fair entry, location on grounds, etc.) please contact:

Rachel George rachelgeorge11@hotmail.com
Or
Alexis Andrews lxsandrews@gmail.com

Thank you and good luck to all at the Washington State 4-H Fair! See you on September 18, 2021.

SUPPORT 4-H YOUTH – VISIT THEIR COUNTY FAIR!

Adams County (The Othello Fair) – September 15 – 18, 2021: https://www.othellofair.org/

Garfield County Fair & Rodeo – September 17 – 19, 2021: https://www.co.garfield.wa.us/fairrodeo

Spokane County Interstate Fair – September 10 -19, 2021: https://www.spokanecounty.org/4606/Interstate-Fair

WASHINGTON STATE 4-H FAIR – PUYALLUP, WA – September 3 – 25, 2021

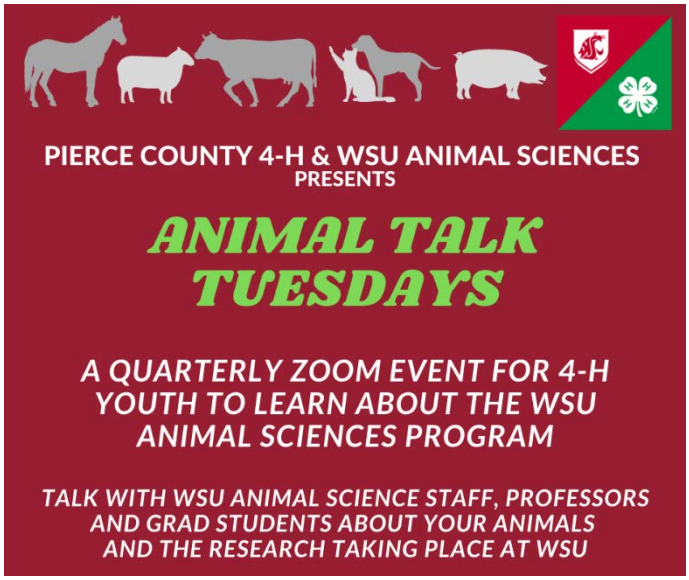
From National 4-H Council….

4-H AUDITIONS FOR AMERICAN IDOL ARE NOW OPEN!

On Friday, September 24, American Idol will host a virtual audition day dedicated to 4-H'ers—current members and alumni ages 15-28. 4-H singers nationwide will audition over Zoom for a chance to become the next American Idol. Help us spread the word to get your 4-H'ers a chance at their big break!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

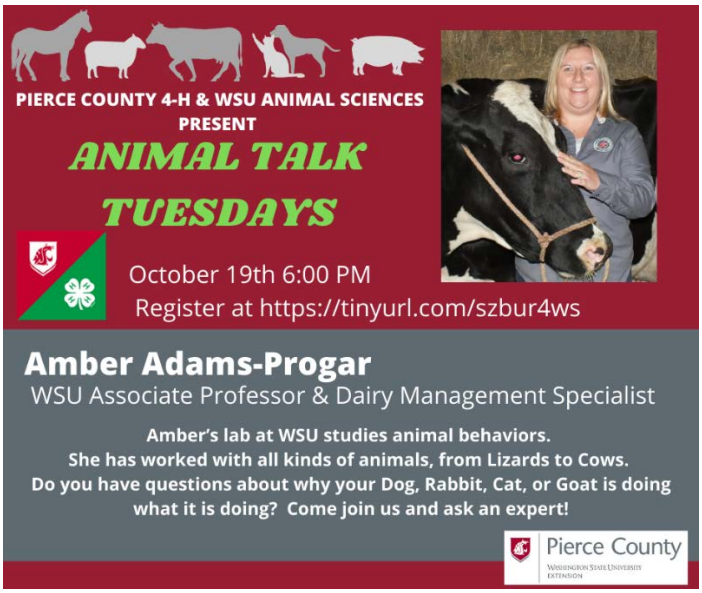
Pierce County 4-H and the WSU Animal Sciences Program Present Animal Talk Tuesdays!



Pierce County 4-H and the WSU Animal Sciences Program are collaborating on a new series called **Animal Talk Tuesdays!**

These talks are a new quarterly series for 4-H youth to learn about WSU Animal Sciences. This series will feature Staff, Professors and Grad Students from WSU Animal Sciences showing where they work and what they are researching. We will also have questions and answer time so 4-H youth can ask the experts about their animals or what it is like to study Animal Sciences at WSU. Hope you can join us! Stay tuned for future dates.

The first session is scheduled for **October 19th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM,** featuring Amber Adams-Progar, WSU Associate Professor, who will discuss her work on Animal Behavior.



Register now to get your Zoom link and to get access to the recorded program if you can't attend the live sessions.
Registration link – https://tinyurl.com/szbur4ws

The Upcoming Animal Talk Tuesdays Schedule:

October 19th with Amber Adams-Progar, WSU Associate Professor who will discuss her work on Animal Behavior.

January 18th with Michael Phelps, WSU Assistant Professor and his work with Aquaculture (the breeding, rearing, and harvesting of fish).

April – Date and speaker confirmation to be announced soon!

July 19th will feature a WSU Animal Sciences Graduate Student Roundtable – Learn about how WSU students chose their area of study and what they love about their work.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

State Council Meeting

The annual State 4-H Council meeting will be held via Zoom on **Saturday, October 9th** at 3:00 pm. We would love to have you join us!

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86026377260?pwd=RFUxbGtsWWUySXZGTVREU2tCY0hGZz09

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Volunteer Recognition Virtual Celebration

Saturday, October 30th at 3:00 pm, we will celebrate YOU! Join us for a virtual celebration of our volunteers from around the state. We'll meet via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86026377260?pwd=RFUxbGtsWWUySXZGTVREU2tCY0hGZz09

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Join the State 4-H Advisory Board!

State Advisory Board is a place to share ideas in the 4-H world. Adult and teen positions are available from all four districts around the state. Apply today!

Application deadline has been extended to October 1st. Applications can be found here: **https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/state-advisory-board/**

Registration for the 2021 4-H STEM Summit: Galactic Quest Is Open Now!

GET $5 OFF 4-H STEM CHALLENGE KITS!

Even though you may not know it, your daily life is connected to space. Hospitals, banks, streetlights, gas pumps, phones, televisions and, and more use a vast network of satellites orbiting our planet. At the 2021 STEM Summit, participants will work with peers and group leaders on a variety of workshops and collaborative exercises. Each virtual session will test and strengthen foundational STEM skills while participants wrestle with the same questions as today's top aerospace scientists and engineers.

At the National 4 H Youth STEM Summit, high school students (grades 9-12) develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing science, technology, engineering, and math. Students meet like-minded peers from across the country, learn more about career opportunities, and network with experts in the STEM community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting. Young people will also have the opportunity to take part in various workshops and team-based challenges that will challenge both their STEM knowledge and their collaboration skills.

The Summit Agenda can be found at: https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0650/2997/files/STEM_Summit_2021_Agenda_8.3.pdf?v=1628170841

Please complete the following form for youth interested in attending: https://forms.gle/NadNBZHLyU6WmGqc8

GET $5 OFF 4-H STEM CHALLENGE KITS!

This year's 4-H STEM challenge, Galactic Quest, explores the history of humans in space, the technology and resources needed for missions, and the obstacles humans encounter in orbit. Activities explore important STEM topics ranging from physics and engineering to computer science and space agriculture.

For a limited time, get $5 off each educator kit and $3 off each family kit (limit 20 discounted kits per transaction) thanks to the generous support of our 2021 signature partner the United States Space Force.

ORDER NOW!

Join the Youth Engaged 4 Change Editorial Board!

We are now accepting applications for youth, ages 16-24, to join the **Youth Engaged 4 Change (YE4C) Editorial Board**!

YE4C Editorial Board members help us address the issues that youth care the most about. They create informative, empowering, and authentic content for the YE4C website, YE4C Instagram, YE4C Facebook, and YE4C Radio. YE4C Editorial Board members participate in virtual meetings to discuss issues that matter to young people. Their main role is to create original, youth-engaging content (written, visual, and audio) for the YE4C website and social media platforms. Members are expected to work both independently and collaboratively with other Editorial Board members and various changemakers. Ideal candidates care about improving their lives, care about helping others, and are excited about doing both via YE4C.

The time commitment varies throughout the term; however, we estimate an average of 5 hours per week or 20 hours per month. The term of service lasts 10 months, beginning in October 2021 and ending in August 2022.
Past members have appreciated the opportunity to balance independent and shared work with other young people across the country. They have also met with leaders within the federal government to learn more about careers and other opportunities in public service. We are looking forward to making that happen with this next group as well. We will also provide honoraria up to $1,000, YE4C swag, and a write-up on the YE4C Blog.

Visit the YE4C website to learn more.

Apply HERE.

Two Volunteers Recall Guiding a Half-Century of 4-H Participants!

By Trevor Pyle @goskagit – Originally appeared in the Skagit Valley Herald August 13, 2021

Longtime Skagit County Fair volunteers Bonita Elfstrom (left) and Shirley Stiles pose for a portrait in front of the dog barn Tuesday at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon. The two have volunteered for 50 and 48 years respectively. Photo Credit: Oliver Hamlin, Skagit Valley Herald

MOUNT VERNON — With whirring fans and masked visitors, this year's Skagit County Fair had a few changes from previous years.

That said, if visitors poked their heads into Building C earlier this week, they'd see two volunteers who've been a steady presence for around a half-century: Bonita Elfstrom and Shirley Stiles.

CLICK HERE TO READ THE ARTICLE!

State 4-H Horse Medallion Donations Needed

Jennifer Leach, 4-H Faculty and State Equine Specialist

Now that State 4-H Fair is an in-person event, we need to quickly collect donations to provide Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for all the Equine classes, plus the Groom Squad and Equine Presentations Contests. The total cost is approximately $1,300. Please consider a donation so that our outstanding members may receive this special recognition! All donors will be listed on posters in the barns and announced during the events.

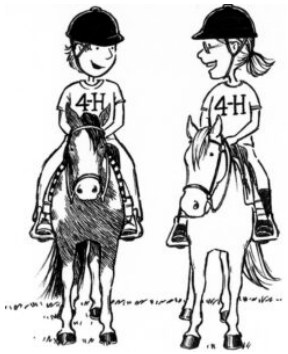
Contributions are welcome from County Programs, individuals and businesses.

Please make checks payable to Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program (who have been acting as the banker since the 1980's)

Mail to Pat Pehling, 7310 83rd AVE SE, Snohomish WA 98290

Please contact Pat Pehling at pehling@frontier.com with any questions.

Thank you for your support!



Disaster Preparedness Fact Sheets Available Here!

Agencies and knowledgeable personnel are already predicting that we could have a terrible fire season this year. Are you prepared for fire or other disasters? These publications will help you, your family, communities be prepared for whatever natural disaster my strike. Thanks to Drs. Craig McConnel and Dale Moore for sharing these materials.

Janet L. Schmidt, WSU Extension Whitman County Director and 4-H Youth Educator

To view and/or download the fact sheet, click on the title below:

Ag Producer Safety During Wildfires

Establishing and Operating Animal Shelters

Establishing and Operating Disaster Information Centers

Forming and Engaging County Ag Response Teams

Disaster Go Bags

Livestock Handling During Disasters

Mitigating Impacts of Livestock Transportation Accidents

Practical Livestock Evacuation

Should an emergency strike, a handy publication that provides guidance on feeding large and small livestock can be found at the following link:

Feeding Livestock In a Disaster

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease and WA Fairs Document From WA ST Department of Agriculture Available Here!

A document requested in last week's 4-H small animal call, from the State of Washington Department of Agriculture – Animal Health Program regarding Rabbit

hemorrhagic disease and 2021 Washington fairs is now available by clicking **HERE**. The link to the USDA map referenced in the call is included in the letter.

Please direct any questions to:

Susan Kerr, DVM, PhD
WA State Dept. of Ag Educational Outreach Specialist
360-789-7664
skerr@agr.wa.gov

REMINDER! Play It Safe Around Poultry!

There is an ongoing multi-state salmonella outbreak associated with backyard chickens. The story link is below, along with extracted CDC advice about how to stay healthy around chickens. ONLY KISS CHICKENS ON THEIR LIPS!

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https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2021/05/21/salmonella-outbreak-backyard-chickens-michigan/5204451001/

The CDC has this advice for backyard flock owners:

- Always wash your hands with soap and water right after touching backyard poultry or anything in the area where they live and roam.
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Don't let backyard poultry inside the house, especially in areas where food or drink is prepared, served or stored. Keep flock supplies outside the house.
- Set aside a pair of shoes to wear while taking care of poultry and keep those shoes outside of the house.
- Children younger than 5, adults over 65 and people with weakened immune systems shouldn't handle or touch chicks, ducklings or other poultry.
- Don't eat or drink where poultry live or roam.
- Don't kiss backyard poultry or snuggle them and then touch your face or mouth.
- Stay outdoors when cleaning any equipment or materials used to raise or care for poultry, such as cages, or feed or water containers.

Here's how to handle eggs safely:

- Collect eggs often, don't let them sit the nest as they can become dirty or break.
- Throw away cracked eggs. Germs on the shell can more easily enter the egg though a cracked shell.
- Rub off dirt on eggs with fine sandpaper, a brush or a cloth. Don't wash them because colder water can pull germs into the egg.
- Refrigerate eggs to keep them fresh and slow the growth of germs.
- Cook eggs until both the yolk and white are firm. Cook egg dishes to an internal temperature of 160 degrees to kill all germs.

Highly Pathogenetic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Info Available for Poultry Project Youth

Highly pathogenic avian influenza is very active right now around the globe. Outbreaks are presently occurring in North Korea, China, Netherlands, Sweden, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Iran, Poland, Norway, France, and Ukraine.

Wild waterfowl are one of the main ways the virus moves around. A major migratory flight path for wild waterfowl includes Washington State; many waterfowl species (swans, ducks, geese) overwinter in the state as well. These birds can carry the avian influenza virus and spread it to chickens, in which it is much more deadly. Please refresh your knowledge of the biosecurity practices recommended to keep your birds safe and take these actions every day!

Here are some good resources:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/dtf-resources

https://agr.wa.gov/departments/animals-livestock-and-pets/avian-health/ai-in-humans

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More Information on HPAI: Washington State Veterinarian News: Batten Down the Hatches Against Avian Influenza

Outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza are happening in several countries around the globe now. Please share this important info with 4-H members, commercial poultry owners, and any other stakeholders who would be affected by an outbreak in the U.S. We do NOT want this disease to get a foothold here! Thanks.

Link to the WSDA document here.

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Plea for 4-H Horse Project Youth to Vaccinate for Equine Influenza

Dr. Susan Kerr, WSDA Education and Outreach Coordinator

4-H horse project youth, your horse depends on YOU to keep him/her safe and healthy!

There were 33 confirmed cases of equine influenza in Washington State in 2020. There were an additional 29 suspected cases, and 25 more horses were exposed to the virus by infected horses. These cases were distributed throughout the state. Fortunately, none of these horses died, which is typical for this disease.

Part of influenza treatment involves strict rest, and some horses do not return to normal for six months! Can you imagine not being able to ride or exercise your sick horse for weeks or months? Horses infected with the influenza virus can develop secondary pneumonia, which can be much more serious and require antibiotic treatment.

If your horse is at risk of catching influenza from other horses, why not prevent this disease and all its complications by vaccinating him/her? The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) recommends horses at risk be vaccinated for influenza every six months.

Is your horse at risk of influenza? YES if he/she has contact with other horses "outside its bubble" at shows, trail rides, schooling, etc. Also YES if you keep your horse at a stable where other horses are coming and going and mixing with other horses. Even if your horse doesn't go anywhere, another horse can bring the virus to him/her.

If your horse stays at your home barn with a steady "bubble" of barn mates and doesn't have direct or indirect contact with other horses, he/she is at minimal risk of influenza.

A very good article with more details about equine influenza is available at https://www.equinediseasecc.org/disease-information.

For more information about equine vaccinations, see the AAEP's recommendations at **https://aaep.org/horse-owners/owner-guidelines/owner-vaccination-guidelines** or speak with your veterinarian.

The foundation of animal welfare is preventing animal illness, pain, and suffering. Vaccinating against diseases of concern is a very simple and effective way to do this.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

A Reminder: COVID-19 Resources Available from WSU Extension

The WSU Extension COVID-19 Updates and Resources page is updated as new information becomes available. The Link to the page is **https://extension.wsu.edu/covid-19/**

WASHINGTON STATE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: Caring for Your Family During COVID-19

The Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families has created a resource for parents during COVID-19. The WASHINGTON STATE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: Caring for Your Family During COVID-19 was developed to help parents and their families navigate the pandemic and the days to follow.

The publication is available at **https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/FS_0039.pdf**